The regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

Council Present:

Julian Burns Al Bozard David Snodgrass

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Staff Present:

Vic Carpenter Michael Conley

Danny Templar Barry Nelson

Ben Connell

Merri Seigler J. R. Scott

Jimmy Jones

Ken DuBose Jeff Burgess

Lauren Reeder

Steward Kidd

Members of the public were present.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the agenda were sent to the newspapers, TV and radio stations, citizens of the county, department heads and posted on the website.

Chairman Burns called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Burns requested a moment of silence for former Chairman Austin Sheheen, after which Councilman Snodgrass gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Tom Webb expressed his concerns regarding the Solar Farms ordinance.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tucker.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

David Snodgrass

Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Jimmy Jones

#### PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of 2020 Veteran Small Businessman of the Year

Mrs. Amy Kinard, Chamber of Commerce Director, introduced Mr. George Gibson, 2020 Veteran Small Businessman of the Year. Chairman Burns offered comments detailing Mr. Gibson's life and contributions to the community.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Connell.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

David Snodgrass

Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Abstained:

Jimmy Jones (absent from August 11 meeting)

#### PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing Regarding an Ordinance by Kershaw County to Amend the Kershaw County Unified Code of Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR) Article 2 - Definitions, Article 3 Section 3:1.3 - Table of Contents of Permitted Uses, and Article 3, Section 3.3 Conditional Uses, to add Regulations for Large Scale Commercial Standalone Solar Energy Farms

Mr. Tom Webb expressed his opposition to the ordinance.

## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

COVID-19 Update - Mr. Vic Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter presented the latest statistics for COVID19. (charts attached to approved minutes)

# Census Update

Mr. Carpenter displayed a chart outlining the progress each section of the county has made regarding the Census. (chart attached to approved minutes)

#### RESOLUTION

A Resolution Approving the Borrowing by the Kershaw County Hospital Board of an Amount not Exceeding \$42,000,000; and Other Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Derial Ogburn, Health Services District Board Chairman, outlined the plans for the renovation and development of Beechwood Plantation as the new Karesh Wing site. Councilman Jones moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tucker.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

David Snodgrass

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Jimmy Jones

## **ORDINANCES**

Third Reading of An Ordinance of the County Council of Kershaw County, South Carolina to Amend the County's Official Zoning Map Designation for Approximately 1 Acre of Land with Tax Parcel #267-00-00-021 for Earnest Wood, from RD-1 to RD-2 and Providing an Effective Date

Councilman Bozard moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tucker.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

**David Snodgrass** 

Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

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Councilman Snodgrass moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bozard.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

**David Snodgrass** 

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Opposed:

Ben Connell

Jimmy Jones

Second Reading of an Ordinance of the County Council of Kershaw County, South Carolina to Amend the County's Official Zoning Map Designation for Approximately 20.30 Acres of Land with Tax Parcel #287-00-00-090 for Wayne Keith Galloway, from RD-1 to RD-2 and Providing an Effective Date

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Snodgrass.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

David Snodgrass

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Jimmy Jones

An Emergency Ordinance to Establish Safety Measures, Virtual Meeting Attendance, and Operating Procedures Regarding Postponing and/or Rescheduling Kershaw County Council Meetings

This ordinance will expire in 60 days. Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bozard.

In Favor:

Julian Burns Al Bozard

David Snodgrass

Ben Connell

Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Opposed: Jimmy Jones

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Airport Commission – Reassigning Term Limits According to Latest Ordinance

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to approve the reassignments, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

David Snodgrass

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Jimmy Jones

## Governor's Hill Site Improvements

Contract Services of Kershaw. LLC won the bid for the amount of \$165,808.49. Vice-Chairman Tucker move to approve the bid, seconded by Councilman Snodgrass.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

**David Snodgrass** 

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Opposed:

Ben Connell Al Bozard

Jimmy Jones

#### **COUNCIL BRIEFINGS**

### Councilman Snodgrass

Mr. Snodgrass is proud to be a part of Kershaw County. We have had a ribbon cutting for the River Park; the Welcome Center is online; the splash pad in conjunction with the City of Camden next to the Aquatic Center is open; and school started back today.

### Vice-Chairman Tucker

Mr. Tucker welcomed the new Economic Development Director, Jeff Burgess.

# Councilman Gardner

Mr. Gardner predicts there will be an increase in COVID19 now that schools are back in session.

## Councilman Bozard

None

# Councilman Connell

Mr. Connell offered congratulations to Chief Harold Brown, Elgin Police Department, on his retirement. Mr. Connell then presented a short video of Sgt. Major Thomas Payne, Medal of Honor recipient.

### Councilman Jimmy Jones

Mr. Jones stated, "God bless Sgt. Major Payne and God bless America".

### Chairman Burns

Mr. Burns seconded the comments regarding Chief Harold Brown. He encouraged Council to go by the new Alpha Center for a tour. Mr. Burns thanked Michael Conley, Planning and Zoning Director, for his work on the Solar Farms ordinance, the Camden to Elgin bus route and working on WiFi for rural areas. Our next Council meeting is October 13.

#### Administrator

Mr. Carpenter notified Council work is being done in front of Hall's Restaurant in Lugoff. There was a sewer line collapse. Mr. Carpenter introduced the new Economic Development Director, Jeff Burgess. He has 28 years of Economic Development experience and lives in Elgin.

### Legal

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Connell.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

David Snodgrass

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Jimmy Jones

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Date Approved

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Clerk to Council